



Inquiry into annual and financial reports 2024–2025

Answer to question taken on notice

Asked by: Mr Shane Rattenbury MLA

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MR RATTENBURY: Yes, I will be quick. I just want to ask, and the minister briefly touched on it, about progress that has been made with homes—with prefabricated homes, there is a program being explored. Can you just give us an update on that?

Ms Loft: So we have got a range of programs for modern methods of construction for growth and renewal. There is nine precast concrete panel dwellings. They have been delivered as part of the G&R program, so that definitely was quicker on site. Yes, it did cost a little bit extra, but we had a real time efficiency with that one.

One structural insulated panel project. That is in DA design phase at the moment for two dwellings. So that is where the pre-made panels with the insulation and then they click together. The modular project is in procurement phase at the moment. That is four dwellings, so that is where the parts are all made into a factory and then assembled on site, and we also have a low carbon project which is in construction that is due to be delivered in mid-'26 that is eight dwellings to take it up to an eight to nine EER.

That is a various range of through construction, so not the end result, but we are trialling all different things to see what can be efficient, faster, better for the community, better for the tenants, better for maintenance.

MR RATTENBURY: The commonwealth, I understand, has made funding available for prefabricated and modular housing. Is that something the ACT has applied for and/or received?

Ms Berry: I do not know that it is—we are able to apply for that in the housing space—sorry, housing and—housing ACT space homes. I will have to check with someone. We take it on notice, to see where it is—

YVETTE BERRY MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The 2025-26 Commonwealth budget allocated \$54 million to grow the prefabricated and modular construction sector and support innovative methods of construction. This included a \$4.7 million investment in a voluntary national certification process for offsite construction to streamline approvals and \$49.3 million to states and territories to accelerate prefabricated and modular home construction. The Commonwealth Government opened a funding round for Advancing Prefabricated and Modular Housing in August 2025. The ACT Government applied for this funding and is waiting on an outcome from the Commonwealth Government.

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By the Minister for Homes, Homelessness and New Suburbs, Yvette Berry MLA